

Dear Members of the Human Services Committee of Connecticut General Assembly:

My name is Silmary N. Mercado Figueroa. I am a student at Connecticut River Academy. I'm from Hartford.

I am documented from Puerto Rico but I believe we all should have access to healthcare. I believe that when you are underage is when we need more healthcare for little kids because they are at risk of getting sick more because their weaknesses are lower and the protection of young children is more necessary.

During the pandemic, families were going through a hard time many families didn't even have a job. During Covid, many parents couldn't provide for their kids. It was even harder for them to not have access to healthcare since so many people were getting sick. It was a difficult time for the world, one of the most important things during the pandemic. I believe it is to have access to healthcare.

Having healthcare would mean that we can prevent disease and disability. Detecting and treating illnesses or other health conditions and we wouldn't have to worry about money. Our health should be first and money shouldn't be a problem.

I support SB 284, with clear language to extend current HUSKY eligibility rules to all CT residents, regardless of immigration status, and I ask the committee to support this legislation.

Thank you for your time,  
Silmary N. Mercado Figueroa